SOLONS SLIDE CAPS WIN 10 - 3

Vancouver Collects 20 Hits Off Gunnarson Wenatchee Chugs Half-Game Behind Pace

(By the Associated Press)

The Western International league race for top spot was as tight today as a goose's throat in June bug season, with Salem clinging to the highest rung, Wenatchee half a game back and Bremerton two games off the pace.

The Caps took a liking to Carl Gunarson's slants early in the contest, but Manager Tedd Gullic permitted the "Gunnar" to stay out there and take the shelling—20 blows in all. Leading 7 to 3 going into the last of the eighth, Vancouver cut loose with their heavy artillery when Frank Mullens and Ray Orteig hit successive homers out of the cracker box ball park. The two clubs will play a double header Saturday before Salem shoves off for the home lot where they have an engagement with the Portland Beavers Monday night.

Chiefs Trip Indians

Wenatchee, playing a tough brand of host to Spokane, was the only one of the topnotchers to win last night, its 12 to 7 victory scooting it around Bremerton into the second slot. Yakima Manager Harlond Clift, Gene Thompson and Eddie Gibb hit for the circuit at Bremerton to check the upward surge of the Bluejackets.

The two Canadian entries clubbed out a pair of victories, the up and coming Victorians dumping Tacoma 5 to 3 behind the six hit pitching of John Carpenter. Vancouver made it two in a row over Salem, 10 to 3. Eddy Garnett and Ray Orteig hit successive homers for Vancouver in the eighth.

Yakima announced the signing of a new pitcher, Fritz Romple of Zillah's Valley league team, and said he would make his debut tonight at Bremerton.

The scores:

Tacoma	100 002 000	3	6 1
Victoria	010 101 02x	5	8 1
Colombo and Kemper; Carpenter and Clifford.			
Spokane	010 030 100	7	8 2
Wenatchee	200 432 10x	12	16 2
Tising and Paglia; Green, McCollom (s) and Fitzgerald.			
Salem	100 001 010	3	10 3
Vancouver	202 012 03x	10	20 3
Gunnarson and Kerr; Hedgcock and Brenner.			
Yakima	110 112 021	9	16 0
Bremerton	020 200 020	6	7 1
Kralovich and Gibb; Pintar; Medeghini (9) and Volpi.			

Our Solons Trip Bevos?

The Salem Senators have a reputation to maintain when they square off against the Portland Beavers next Monday night at 8:15 on Waters field. And that reputation consists of five wins out of a half dozen meetings since Salem became associated with the Western International circuit back in 1940. Only once since then have the Beavers been able to sneak over a win, and a majority of the followers of the diamond game in these parts favor Manager Tedd Gullic's aggregation in the forthcoming contest.

The game, a benefit for Tommy Edwards' educational trust fund, is attracting widespread interest and from present indications it will be a complete sellout. This is due, not only to the popularity of Tommy's dad, the late "Frisco Edwards, whose death occurred while the former Salem manager was with his team in Bremerton, but to the little chap himself, who has a desire to follow in his father's footsteps.

Although the game is booked as an exhibition, it is evident no effort will be spared on either side to win. Portland, a member of the triple A fraternity of the national pastime, does not like the humiliation that goes with the loss to a class B club. Salem, as it was related at the start, has a reputation to maintain.

Brooks Upset Fourth Rule Slips Go On

(By the Associated Press)

Leave it to the Dodgers to upset one of Major League baseball's most ancient traditions.

Of the 18 National League clubs that have led the pack on July Fourth only to yield first place to another team in the past 46 years, five of them represented Brooklyn. And it appeared today that unless the skidding Dodgers right themselves pretty quick, they might make it six of the last 19.

The Cardinals gained a game and a half on the league leaders yesterday by sweeping both ends of a double header from the New York Giants 2-1 and 5-4 while the Chicago Cubs handed the Dodgers their second straight defeat 13-2.

Led by little Peanuts Lowrey who rammed home seven runners and scored three on a home run and two singles, the Cubs battered three Brooklyn hurlers for 15 hits and easily notched their fifth straight home triumph over the Dodgers.

Dave (Boo) Ferriss gained his 13th pitching success and his eighth straight over Detroit as the American League leading Boston Red Sox defeated the Tigers 4-2 to increase their margin over the idle New York Yankees to eight games. A crowd of 26,290 increased the Red Sox attendance for 40 home games to 740,517, 10,000 more than their previous record high set in 1942.

Johnny Sain pitched a one-hitter as the Boston Braves eked out a 1-0 decision over the Cincinnati Reds. A double by Grady Hatton in the first inning prevented the elongated righthander from registering a perfect game as Hatton was the only Redleg to reach base.

The cellar dwelling Pittsburgh Pirates quelled a ninth inning Philadelphia rally to defeat the Phillies 4-3 and move to within three games of the seventh place Quakers.

Graziano Climbs Jacobs Boxing Ladder

By Frank Eck

New York (AP)—Even if Joe Louis had carried out his plan to retire for the year, Mike Jacobs wouldn't worry. Uncle Mike, the boxing promoter who got $100 for ringside seats (there were 44 such rows) for an exhibition worth $10 or less, has a new meal ticket! He is Rocky Graziano, 153 pounds of fighting fury.

Rockabye Rocky, they call him. His name is Tommy, but if you call him that he won't answer. He could lick his weight in wildcats if necessary but he'd rather play stickball with the kids on the lower west side.

What makes Graziano so colorful is that you never know what he's going to do outside the ring. But inside the ropes he is consistent. He has knocked six of his last seven opponents kicking and has parlayed a pair of fists into an unprecedented flow of gate receipts for "little men."

In seven fights within the short space of 16 months he drew $654,659 into the combined coffers of Madison Square Garden and Uncle Mike Jacobs. Right now he's rated as the uncrowned middleweight champion.

There's nothing he'd rather have than the 160-pound title in fact. He expects to fulfill his hopes in Yankee Stadium on Thursday evening, July 25, when he fights the champion, Tony Zale, of Gary, Ind.

First Beat Arnold

Graziano's all but rocky road to the top began a year ago last March when, in the presence of President Truman, he stiffened Billy Arnold, Philadelphia Negro phenom. It was supposed to be another victory in a long Arnold string.

Graziano took such a beating in the second round that the fans yelled for the referee to stop the slaughter.

Rocky's trainer, Whitey Bimstein, saw that his protege was in a bad way. To test him, Bimstein asked: "Who am I? What round is it?"

"Why, Whitey," Rocky said with a faint grin, "I'm surprised at you. I've got this guy all opened up. Didn't you notice? He's ready to be pickled."

Arnold never answered the bell for the fourth round. He was stopped in the third. The writer never yet has seen an athlete with such recuperative powers. Graziana, beaten to a pulp in the second round, came bac kto inflict even more punishment on Arnold. Tha bout alone made Graziano the attraction he is today.

He followed it with knockouts of the late Al (Bummy) Davis, Red Cochrane (twice in a row) and Harold Green. He beat Sonny Horne on a decision and then stopped the welterweight king, Marty Servo, in two rounds in a non-title bout last March.

Long Lay-off

Graziano hasn't fought since. He's too valuable to Jacobs to be cavorting in the smaller clubs. Ever since the Louis-Conn farce Rocky has been in training at Greenwood Lake, N. J.

If the first middleweight title fight since 1941, when Zale beat Georgie Abrams, draws $500,000, Graziano will come out with $125,000. He's getting 25 percent for the privilege of bashing the beezer of Zale who is drawing 35 and who hasn't met a worthy opponent since Billy Conn outpointed him in a 12-round bout in 1942 before Zale went into the navy.

Zale has never been knocked out but then neither had Cochrane or Servo. There's always a first time and Graziano's fists are like bricks.

Rocky Graziano (left), being primed for July 25 middleweight title bout with Tony Zale, is shown (at right) as he defeated Billy Arnold in t heir fight last year. Graziano is noted for giving anything, including the shirt off his back, to friends and the neighborhood kids.

SPORTS

Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon, Saturday, July 13, 1946—5

Salmon's Bat Tops WIL Race

Woody Salmon of Salem regained the batting leadership of the Western International League from Dan Amaral, Bremerton outfielder, according to latest complete Howe News Bureau statistics, Salmon pushed his averages up five points to a pace setting .392 during the week and in the same stretch Amaral dropped below .400, falling from .401 to a present .388. The third slot is held by Glenn Stetter of Wenatchee with a mark of .380 while Tacoma's Dick Kemper is hitting .346 for fourth place.

Stetter grabs off additional honors by pacing the league in runs scored with 76, two baggers with 21 and total bases with 161. In greatest number of hits Stetter has 100 to be runnerup to the 107 posted by Mel Walsey of Wenatchee. Bill Barisoff added four more homers during the week for a season high of 20 and Dick Adams, Wenatchee, is still first in runs batted in with 77. The stolen base flash is Al Kretchmar of Vancouver with 17 thiefts.

Milton Cadinha of Spokane has won 9 games against only two defeats to show the way in the pitching department.

Individual averages for players in 10 or more games, batting more than .300, and all Salem men through games of July 7:

	AB	H	HR	RB	Pct
Bryant, Van., p	21	9	0	1	429
Salmon, Salem, c	120	47	6	36	392
J. Fitzgerald, Wen., p	18	7	1	2	389
Amaral, Brem., of	185	72	10	48	388
Stetter, Wen., 3	263	100	10	51	380
Kemper, Tac., c	194	69	2	59	356
Flager, Salem, ss	71	25	0	5	352
Plouf, Brem., 2b	93	32	1	13	344
Gullic, Salem, 3b	111	38	3	19	342
Hedinston, Tac., 2b-of	177	60	4	31	339
Barisoff, Brem., of	251	78	20	67	338
Kuper, Tac., c	93	31	0	12	337
Garbee, Yak., 1b	263	88	7	50	335
Crawford, Salem, of	213	71	4	30	333
DeVaura, Brem., of	268	89	2	30	332
E Fitzgerald, Wen., c	169	56	11	35	331
Gedzius, Brem., ss	151	50	7	37	331
Ortelg, Van., 3b	115	38	5	21	330
Gerauht, Spo., 2b	58	19	0	7	328
Adams, Wen., 1b	284	93	13	77	327
Faria, Spo., p	28	9	0	3	321
McCormack, Spo., of	229	73	3	37	319
Walsey, Wen., of	336	107	1	53	318
Hughes, Vic., of	151	48	14	50	318
Glift, Yak., 3b	327	72	11	55	317
Vico, Salem, of	299	91	7	72	304
Thompson, Yak., of	263	80	7	68	304
C. Clifford, Tac., 1b	278	84	1	38	302
Clarkson, Van., of	192	58	3	13	302
Paglia, Brem., c-3b	86	26	1	16	301
Perult, Wen., c	120	36	2	15	300
Mead, Van., of	60	18	0	9	300
Wenner, Salem, of	278	79	10	62	284
Reynolds, Salem, 2b	191	54	2	26	283
Kerr, Salem, 2b	154	37	3	21	255
Summers, Salem, of	183	46	4	38	251
Gunnarson, Salem, p	50	11	0	3	220
Bartolomei, Salem, 3b	204	39	3	23	191

Baseball School Set By Dodger Scouts

Albany, Ore., July 13 (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers will hold a baseball school for veterans and young players from 17 to 22 here July 17-20.

Tom Downey, chief Pacific Coast scout for the National League baseball club, will direct the school, wth Scouts Howard Taak and Jay Kelchner and Dodger Coach Jake Pitler assisting.

Sublimity vs. Guistiana

Sublimity — The Sublimity team of the Portland Valley league will play the Quistiana Reds, members of the Cascade loop of Eugene Sunday afternoon. The contest is booked for the Sublimity field.

Western Tennis Finals

Indianapolis, Ind., July 13 (U.P.)—Billy Talbert, Seymour Greenberg, Bob Falkenburg and Herbert Flam, seeded 1-2-3-4, moved into the semi-finals of the western open tennis tournament today.

Perfect Boys Teams Set

Two perfect record baseball teams will tie into each other Sunday afternoon at 4 on Leslie field when Shrocks Motors boys meet a Curley's Dairy nine, each with four wins against no losses in Salem Junior "A" league competition.

Shrocks Coach Marty Boesch will probably send Bill Fasnacht to the mound. Starting hurler for Coach Carl Houstons Curley's Dairy team will be Jim Rock, who also wields a heavy bat at the plate.

Another game on tap, Sunday at 2 p. m., will find Eagles Lodge boys battling Valley Motor representatives on Leslie field. Both teams have .500 records in league competition, with two wins against two losses.

Salem Police and Mayflower Milk will fight for the cellar position in a game scheduled for 2 p. m. Sunday on Capitola grounds. Both outfits will aim for a first win of the season.

Local Golfers Wait Tournament With OC

A visiting team of Oregon City golfers will swing away Sunday in a tournament with Salem Men's clubbers in the back stretch of a home-and-home series, with the locals seeking revenge for an earlier defeat.

The competition will be based on regular match play. Match points will be added up for the winners of each nine. A hot duel is in prospect between Jack Russell and OC's Len Schereack for the day's feature.

Men's club members will also hold a sweepstakes tournament Saturday and Sunday. Low score totals will take the pot, with members using full handicaps.

Gilmore in Doubles Wins Tennis Sets

Tacoma, July 13 (AP)—Hardly anyone was surprised as Californians moved steadily toward the championship finals yesterday in the 55th annual Pacific Northwest Tennis tournament, dominating all divisions. Very few northwesterners remained in the running. Results included:

Junior men's singles—Hugh Findlay, Portland, defeated George Gentry, La Jolla, Cal., 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. Mixed doubles—Bud Gilmore, Salem, Ore., and Muriel Kifer, San Diego, defeated Last, Vancouver, B. C., and Monty Myers, Portland, 6-2, 6-4. Curtwright and Gilmore defeated Stan Anderson and George Chichester, San Francisco, 6-2, 6-2.

Grass Court Netters Hit Semi-Final Play

New York, July 13 (U.P.)—Semi-final play was scheduled today in the National Professional Grass Courts tennis tournament, with top-seeded Bobby Riggs matched against sixth-ranked Wayne Sabin, and second-seeded Don Budge versus third-seeded Frank Kovacs.

St. Paul Winner 1st Half Title

St. Paul—St. Paul won the first half title of the Willamette Valley baseball league last Thursday night by blanking Canby, 8 to 0, behind the one hit pitching of Charley Sauvain. The club will go to Willamette Sunday for an important contest in the second half. Sauvain turning a remarkable job of chucking, striking out 21 batters and holding the opposition hitless until the seventh frame. John Kolb, first baseman for St. Paul, hit a home run in the first inning with two on.

Canby	0	1	2
St. Paul	8	11	0

Miles and Turk; Sauvain and Allison.

The SCOREBOARD

Western International

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Salem	50	36	.625	Spokane	33	35	.485
Wenatch	51	32	.614	Yakima	32	43	.427
Beremrtn	43	28	.606	Cancouver	27	48	.360
Tacoma	41	34	.547	Victoria	27	54	.333

American League

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Boston	56	23	.709	St. Louis	35	42	.455
New York	48	31	.608	Cleveland	35	43	.449
Detroit	42	34	.553	Chicago	36	44	.405
Washngtn	37	37	.500	Philadel	23	52	.307

National League

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Brooklyn	48	28	.632	Boston	35	41	.461
St. Louis	45	32	.584	New York	34	42	.442
Chicago	41	35	.854	Philadel	31	40	.437
Cincinnati	35	37	.486	Pittsburgh	30	45	.400

Pacific Coast League

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
San Fran	69	37	.651	Sacramen	51	57	.472
Oakland	59	38	.645	San Diego	50	58	.463
Los Angel	57	48	.543	Portland	36	67	.350
Hollywood	55	50	.524	Seattle	35	68	.346

Oregonians in Majors

(By the Associated Press)

What they did Friday:

Gordon, Yankees, not scheduled.

	AB	H	E	Rbi
Whitman, Dodgers	3	0	0	0
Pesky, Dodgers	3	1	0	0
Doerr, Red Sox	4	1	0	1

Their season's records including games of Friday:

	AB	H	E	Rbi
Gordon, Yankees	230	54	11	31
Whitman, Dodgers	148	39	6	17
Pesky, Red Sox	322	102	15	32
Doerr, Red Sox	320	98	7	74

Robinson KO's Curcio

New York (AP)—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, 149½, New York, knocked out Joe Curcio, 150¼, Newark, N. J., 2.

Limits of rainbow trout have been taken recently from the Eagle and Pine creeks in eastern Oregon.

BOXING VIEW BRIGHTER NOW

Sam Duncan, trainer of boxers who had a number of boys fighting on the armory cards last winter has offered his services to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the role of matchmaker. So far no action has been taken by the Vets who had hoped to get the shows rolling once more.

Duncan has a stable of around 10 fighters, several of whom, he says, are real prospects. And with these as a nucleus he feels that he is in a position to stage creditable cards.

Billy Farris, a 140 pounder, probably the most outstanding scrapper of the Duncan stable, has a record of 116 bouts and is booked for an appearance on the next Kahut card in Portland. Seattle is angling for the services of some of the local boxers, Duncan reports.

Bend Posts Signs Standing Room Only

Bend, July 12 (AP)—With the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-America conference due to arrive here Sunday for the training season, Bend was polishing up its "standing room only" sign today.

Reservation requests are pouring in to Bend hotels from northwest teams and coaches who plan to witness part of the Dodgers' practice, starting here Monday.

Among the out-of-state coaches who will come for the football clinic to be conducted by Dr. Mal Stevens, head Dodger coach, Aug. 23, is Clem Parberry of the College of Idaho. Governor Snell will attend an inter-squad game here Aug. 2.

The 60-man Dodger squad will deplane at Redmond Sunday.

Major League Leaders

(By the Associated Press)

National League

Batting—Walker, Brooklyn .367; Hopp, Boston, .360.

Runs batted in—Walker, Brooklyn, 68; Slaughter, St. Louis, 64.

Doubles—Musial, St. Louis, 25; Holmes, 19.

Triples—Musial, St. Louis and Walker, Brooklyn, 7.

Home runs—Mize, New York, 16; Kiner, Pittsburgh, 15.

Pitching—Kush, Chicago, 6-1-.857; Hisbe, Brooklyn, 8-2-.800.

American League

Pitching—Kush, Chicago, 6-1-.857; Hisbe, Brooklyn, 8-2-.800.

Batting—Venon, Washington, .357; Williams and DiMaggio, Boston, .348.

Runs batted in—Williams and Doerr, Boston, 73.

Doubles — Vernon, Washington, 21; Spence, Washington, 22.

Triples—Lewis, Washington, 9; Edwards, Cleveland and Keller, New York, 7.

Home runs—Williams, Boston, 23; Greenberg, Detroit, 22.

Pitching—Newhouser, Detroit, 16-3-.842; Leonard Washington, 7-2-.778.

The human heart pumps five to six quarts of blood through nearly 4000 circuits of the body.

Skits *and* Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman, Capital Journal Sports Editor

If and when George Steve Vico is yanked back into Portland by the Beavers, in order to keep him from being drafted for a minimum of $5000, who will replace the popular first sacker? Manager Tedd Gullic? Outfielder Duane Crawford? Or will it be someone Portland wishes to send here? It is known that Gullic likes to play the initial sack, although he seems to be perfectly at home in almost any position. So far he has kept fairly close to third base and center field, but we can imagine he would do equally well at second or short. He might even fool 'em for a while if he took over the pitching chores and what he would do with a catcher's mitt might surprise some of the boys. Crawford has had experience as a first baseman and there is little doubt but that he would fit in well there. Frank Lucchesi, just aching to get back in the lineup, is expected to be returned to his old position in center field when that injured ankle gets sufficiently strong. That will release someone for another job.

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Those Victoria Athletics remain in the Western International cellar, but there are indications they won't remain there for long. Latest uprising came Thursday night when they twisted the Tacoma Tigers' tails for a couple of wins. One or two first class flingers and the Vics would be tough for the entire loop. Bit difficult to pick up replacements at this stage of the game, since all of the baseball sympathy was funneled into Spokane following the bus tragedy in the high Cascades.

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Repartee from the Brooklyn Dodgers bench as chronicled by Arthur Daley, sports columnist of the New York Times:

The Brooks were involved in an argument as to the wisdom of George Metkovich, center fielder for the Boston Red Sox, in trying for a shoestring catch on Aaron Robinson's game-winning double the day before. The Brooks are a daring, gambling team, but majority opinion was that Metkovich had no right to gamble.

"That was the time to play percentage," chirped Chuck Dressen.

"Right," agreed Leo the Lip. "You gotta hold that winning run on third."

"Could he have made the catch?" asked PeeWee Reese.

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"Never," chorused Messrs. Durocher and Dressen.

"How do you know if you can catch those?" broke in Dick Whitman. (From Woodburn, Ore.)

"My boy," drawled the grinning Dickie Walker condescendingly, "on those you just gotta know you can catch 'em."

"As for you, Whitman," snapped Dressen as he brandished a bat, "if you spike me again, I'll brain you with this."

"Aw, gee, Charlie," sheepishly expostulated the young outfielder, "forget it, willya?"

"Wouldja believe it, Leo," needled Dressen. "I'm on third base, giving this guy the stop sign. He not only runs right past me but he steps on my toes with his spikes."

"I was just trying to think, Charlie," protested Whitman feebly, "I thought you might change your mind."

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"When I change it," said Dressen with feigned grimness, "I do it with gestures. Like the time I flag down a guy at third, waving my right arm violently. But the first baseman missed the throw and I wave him in with my left arm. But the first baseman picks up the ball and I'm waving him back with the right arm again. He falls down on the baseline and I'm so confused from waving in two directions at once that I fall down beside him."

Clyde "Smackover" Scott, star left halfback of Annapolis, wants to resign from the academy. Then he won't meet Army's Felix "Locomotive" Blanchard or Glenn "Fireball" Davis on the gridiron next fall.

Peacetime Softball Sways Open on Leslie With Colorful Parade Under Beacons Soon

The Salem Softball Association's long-delayed night summer session will open under the brand new arcs of Leslie field on the evening of Monday, July 22, S.S.A. prexy Charley Davis announced today following a meeting of committee heads in charge of the kickoff for Salem softballers first peacetime night league.

The traditional parade of the league's eight competing teams in their colorful uniforms will be a feature of the ceremonies which will prelude the opening game of a twin bill slated for 8 p. m. Teams will draw for the honor of curing one of the four places on the initial night's bill and from the results of the draw the schedule for the remainder of the summer will be fixed.

One Round This Year

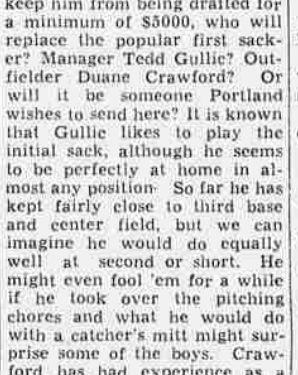
The league will play only one round this year so as to allow sufficient time to decide a champion prior to the state tournament August 25th. The schedule will run for four weeks through August 16, with doubleheaders slated for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, leaving the balance of the week open for exhibition games between league teams and opponents from other cities. It is also anticipated by league officials that a series of exhibition games will be booked for the latter two weeks of August following the conclusion of the regular schedule.

Bleachers seating nearly 1000 have been donated to the association for use at the new Leslie field this summer by Willamette university. Ticket prices for each evening including opening night will be 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. Ducats for opening night will be available in advance from team managers and sponsors, and at downtown stores to be named early next week.

Babe's Soaring Drives Take to Golf Finals

Denver, Colo., July 13 (U.P.)—Co-medalists Babe Zaharias and Polly Riley meet today in the championship finals of the 16th annual Trans-Mississippi Golf tournament.

The soaring drives of Mrs. Zaharias, a local entry and the reigning favorite, enabled her to gain the finals as she defeated Margaret Gunther, Memphis, Tenn., champion, 6 and 4, in the 18-hole semi-final round.



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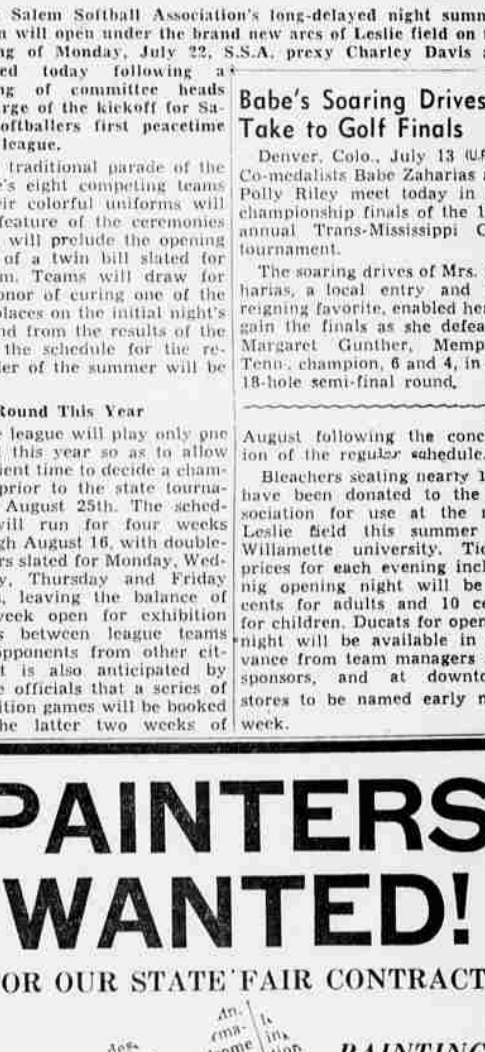

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